



Keep Calm and Carry On Psalm 2

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Psalm 2 was written to be presented at the coronation of a Hebrew King in the line of David (2 Samuel 7:8-16). It depicted the troubled state of affairs in and around Israel; the fact that the God of Israel was in complete control; that the King was servant of the living God and that wise people acknowledged both God and King. BUT when Christ (the “Anointed One”) came and announced the “Kingdom was among them,” the early Christians began to apply Psalm 2 to Jesus, the Messiah, and His ultimate triumph over the new creation. We will look at the Psalm in light of this application.

I. The Troubling Situation on Earth. vv. 1-3

- A. Why is there so much international conflict?
- B. Why is there so much individual confusion?
- C. Why is there so much antipathy to the LORD and His Anointed One?
- D. Why do people resent and resist their rule in their lives?

II. The Sobering Reaction in Heaven. vv. 4-6

- A. The Lord is “amused” at man’s futile attempts at governance and liberty.
- B. The Lord is not amused but indignant at man’s arrogant rebellion.
- C. The Lord has “installed” His King in the place of ultimate authority.

III. The Mandate of the “Anointed One.” vv. 7-9

- A. His relationship to the Father establishes Him as Son. Romans 1:4
- B. As Son, His inheritance is a universal Kingdom subject to His rule and reign. Acts 2:33f

IV. The Serious Call to Discipleship. vv. 10-12

- A. Be wise, be warned.
- B. Serve with fear.
- C. Rejoice with trembling.
- D. Kiss the Son.
- E. “Take refuge in Him,” then, “Keep calm and carry on.”